

## § 1309.12

### § 1309.12 Timely decisions.

The responsible HHS official shall promptly review and make final decisions regarding completed applications under this part.

## Subpart C—Protection of Federal Interest

### § 1309.20 Title.

Title to facilities acquired with grant funds vests with the grantee upon acquisition, subject to the provisions of this part.

### § 1309.21 Recording of Federal interest and other protection of Federal interest.

(a) The Federal Government has an interest in all real property and equipment purchased with grant funds for use as a Head Start facility. The responsible HHS official may agree to subordinate the Federal interest in such property to that of a lender which finances the purchase of the property subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (f) of this section.

(b) Facilities acquired with grant funds may not be mortgaged or used as collateral, or sold or otherwise transferred to another party, without the written permission of the responsible HHS official.

(c) Use of the facility for other than the purpose for which the facility was funded, without the express written approval of the responsible HHS official, is prohibited.

(d) Immediately upon purchasing a facility with grant funds, or receiving permission to use funds for a previously purchased facility, the grantee shall record a Notice of Federal Interest in the appropriate official records for the jurisdiction in which the facility is located. The Notice shall include the following information:

(1) The date of the award of grant funds for the purchase of the property to be used as a Head Start facility, and the address and legal description of the property to be purchased;

(2) That the grant incorporated conditions which include restriction on the use of the property and provide for a Federal interest in the property;

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(3) That the property may not be used for any purpose inconsistent with that authorized by the Head Start Act and applicable regulations;

(4) That the property may not be mortgaged or used as collateral, sold or otherwise transferred to another party, without the written permission of the responsible HHS official;

(5) That these grant conditions and requirements cannot be altered or nullified through a transfer of ownership; and

(6) The name (including signature) and title of the person who completed the Notice for the grantee agency, and the date of the Notice.

(e) Grantees must meet all of the requirements in 45 CFR parts 74 or 92 pertaining to the purchase and disposition of real property, or the use and disposal of equipment, as appropriate.

(f) In subordinating its interest in a facility purchased with grant funds, the responsible HHS official does not waive application of paragraph (d) of this section and §1309.22. A written agreement by the responsible HHS official to subordinate the Federal interest must provide:

(1)(i) The lender shall notify the Office of the Regional Administrator, Administration for Children and Families, the Office of the Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Washington, D.C., and the Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC, or their successor agencies, immediately, both telephonically and in writing of any default by the Head Start grantee;

(ii) Written notice of default must be sent by registered mail return receipt requested; and,

(iii) The lender will not foreclose on the property until at least 60 days after the required notice by the lender has been sent.

(2) Such notice will include:

(i) The full names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the lender and the Head Start grantee;

(ii) The following statement prominently displayed at the top of the first page of the notice: “The Federal Interest in certain real property or equipment used for the Head Start Program may be at risk. Immediately give this

notice to the appropriate government official”;

(iii) The date and nature of the default and the manner in which the default may be cured; and

(iv) In the event that the lender will be exercising its remedy of foreclosure or other remedies, the date or expected date of the foreclosure or other remedies.

(3) Head Start grantees which purchase facilities with respect to which the responsible HHS official has subordinated the Federal interest to that of the lender must keep the lender informed of the current addresses and telephone numbers of the agencies to which the lender is obligated under paragraph (b) of this section to give notice in the event of a default.

**§ 1309.22 Rights and responsibilities in the event of grantee's default on mortgage, or withdrawal or termination.**

(a) The mortgage agreement, or security agreement in the case of a modular unit which is proposed to be purchased under a chattel mortgage, shall provide in the case of default by the grantee or the withdrawal or termination of the grantee from the Head Start program that ACF may intervene. In the case of a default, the mortgage agreement or security agreement must provide that ACF may intervene to ensure that the default is cured by the grantee or another agency designated by ACF and that the lender shall accept the payment of money or performance of any other obligation by ACF's designee, for the grantee, as if such payment of money or performance had been made by the grantee. The agreement shall also provide that ACF will have a period of 60 days after notification by the grantee of default in which to intervene to attempt to cure the default. The agreement shall further provide that in the event of a default, or the withdrawal or termination of the grantee the mortgage may be assumed by an organization designated by ACF. The mortgagee or creditor will have the right to approve the organization designated to assume the mortgage, but such approval will not be withheld except for good reason. The provisions required for inclusion in

mortgages must be included in the mortgages of previously purchased facilities unless a convincing justification for not doing so is shown by the Head Start grantee.

(b) The grantee must immediately provide the responsible HHS official with both telephonic and written notification of a default of any description on the part of the grantee under a real property or chattel mortgage.

(c) In the event that a default is not cured and foreclosure takes place, the mortgagee or creditor shall pay ACF that percentage of the proceeds from the foreclosure sale of the property attributable to the Federal share as defined in 45 CFR 74.2, or, if part 92 is applicable, to ACF's share as defined in 45 CFR 92.3. If ACF and the mortgagee or creditor have agreed that ACF's Federal interest will be subordinated to the mortgagee's or creditor's interest in the property, that agreement must be set forth in a written subordination agreement that is signed by the responsible HHS official and that complies with § 1309.21 and any other applicable Federal law.

**§ 1309.23 Insurance, bonding and maintenance.**

(a) At the time of acquiring a facility or receiving approval for the previous purchase of a facility, the grantee shall obtain insurance coverage for the facility which is of the same type as the coverage it has obtained for other real property it owns, which includes student liability insurance and which at least meets the requirements of the coverage specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section as follows:

(1) A title insurance policy which insures the fee interest in the facility for an amount not less than the full appraised value as approved by ACF, or the amount of the purchase price, whichever is greater, and which contains an endorsement identifying ACF as a loss payee to be reimbursed if the title fails. If no endorsement naming ACF as loss payee is made, the grantee is required to pay ACF the title insurance proceeds it receives in the event of title failure; and

(2) A physical destruction insurance policy, including flood insurance where